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Sylvia A. Murphy, LCSW

March 5, 2018

Mr. Gary Kroeschen  
County Board Chairman  
Marshall County, Illinois

RE: Mental Health Advisory Board Appointment

Dear Chairman Kroeschen,

I am respectfully submitting my request for consideration to join the Mental Health Advisory Board for Marshall County.

I am interested in promoting the importance of mental health as an essential part of overall wellness on behalf of the citizens of Marshall County. I have lived in Lacon for over 20 years, and I believe my professional experience in Clinical Social Work and Human Resources Management may be well suited for this group tasked with ensuring mental health remains a priority in our community.

My current clinical social work experience includes the prevention, assessment and treatment of varying behavioral health disorders. In addition, I have conducted suicide prevention education presentations, mental health destigmatization campaigns, answered the 1-800-273-TALK hotline, and co-facilitated Survivors of Suicide support groups. I understand how to read and apply for grants, and I understand Medicaid plan benefits and private health insurance plans. Finally, as part the ad hoc Marshall County Behavioral Health Task Force, I have been highlighting current mental health resources in this county and promoting to State of Illinois Dept. of Human Services (DHS) representatives the need for quality mental health resources in rural areas.

I would be happy to answer any questions about my past professional experience. My personal qualities that may complement those of other Mental Health Board appointees include being objective, even-tempered, able to work collaboratively in a group, and able to effectively manage sensitive information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sylvia A. Murphy, MA, LCSW

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March 10, 2018

Marshall County Board Chair  
Lacon, IL

I have recently become aware of Marshall County Board planning to more fully implement the 708 Board. A fully staffed board would enhance the safety net for our citizens and continue to address the mental health needs of the community. I wish to request to be appointed to serve on the 708 Board.

As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, (LCSW) living in rural Marshall County, I work in Peoria as a mental health clinician with adults and children who have a wide range of mental health needs and trauma histories. Through this work I provide therapy to clients and as needed, reports to the court regarding a parent's progress in addressing the underlying safety reasons that brought their children into foster care. Many of these children have experienced trauma and I am fortunate to work closely with a child psychiatrist to support children's need for psychiatric services and therapy.

I received a Master's in Social Work from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and have worked in the social work field for over 25 years. Additionally my education has allowed me to work with clients in domestic and international adoption, foster care, community counseling, domestic violence prevention training, and public housing for senior citizens, and as a consultant to Head Start/Early Head Start which serves over 500 children a year.

If you feel my experiences can be of assistance to the Marshall County 708 Board, I am happy to serve. Please know I will support the work of the Marshall County Board and support the full implementation of the 708 Board.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon M. Monier, LCSW

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# Jill Conrad

## OBJECTIVE

I am requesting an appointment to the 708 Mental Health Board of Marshall County, IL. I am a retired RN and a 41 year resident of Marshall County, IL, residing in rural Sparland, IL. Our youngest daughter has been diagnosed with severe developmental delays. She lives at home and attends an adult day program in Henry, IL, managed through the Gateway Center in Princeton, IL. I have experience with the needs of those with developmental delays as well as with patients with medical and psychological challenges. I feel that this board will help to meet the needs of those people facing mental health, developmental, and substance abuse challenges.

## EXPERIENCE

2010-2014

**Proctor Home Health, Proctor Hospital, Peoria, IL**

- > My duties included direct medical care as well as the management of healthcare for the patient in their home setting.

2010-2014

**Oncology R.N., OSF St Francis Medical Center, Peoria, IL**

- > I was involved in direct patient care of adult patients in a hospital setting. This involved working as a part of a medical team to meet the medical as well as psychosocial needs of our patients.

## EDUCATION

1983-1985

**Illinois Central College, E. Peoria, IL**

A.D. Registered Nursing

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**University of Illinois, Urbana -Champaign, IL**

B.S. Psychology

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Dear Mr. Kroeschen,

My name is Andrea Stringer. I am requesting to serve on the Marshall County 708 Mental Health Board. I have a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in special education. I taught at Hammitt School in Normal, IL. The students I taught had autism or behavioral needs. Along with this experience, I taught in several life skills classrooms. The students in these classrooms had a wide range of mental health challenges.

Along with my teaching experience, our family is a foster family. To date, we have fostered twelve children long term and about an equal number short term. Most of our foster children come to us with social and emotional needs. We have been very fortunate to find the support they need to help them with their challenges.

Thank you for considering my position on the Marshall County 708 Mental Health Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Stringer". The signature is fluid and includes a large, decorative flourish at the end.

Andrea Stringer

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March 7, 2018

Dear Honorable Gary Kroeschen, Chairperson of the Marshall County Board,

I am requesting appointment to the Marshall County Mental Health Board to serve the Marshall County community. I represent being qualified as a mental health licensed professional who has worked as a registered occupational therapist for 35+ years across the lifespan with populations impacted with mental health diagnoses and developmental disabilities. I also have served the community as chairperson of the Marshall County Behavioral Health Task Force which was a volunteer effort to promote the diverse needs of Marshall County relating to mental health. The Task Force facilitated citizen action that resulted in a special state funding of a rural mental health initiative bringing some degree of state supported services in Marshall County for the past 10 years.

Respectfully submitted,



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